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Ochlech Sentenced for Possession of Firearms by a Convicted Felon

BISMARCK - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on November 30, 2009, **Charles W. Ochlech**, 38, of Baltimore, Maryland, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland on a charge of possession of firearms by a convicted felon. Ochlech pleaded guilty to the charge on August 17, 2009.

Judge Hovland sentenced Ochlech to serve eight years and four months in federal prison, to be followed by two years of supervised release. Ochlech was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

On October 13, 2007, Ochlech stole a pickup, some tools and three guns from an employer in Montana. Ochlech moved to Dickinson and rented an apartment. Law enforcement officers were notified that Ochlech was in possession of firearms and obtained a search warrant for his property on October 28, 2007. An AK-47 style rifle was discovered in Ochlech's apartment and two handguns were found in the stolen pickup. Ochlech was prohibited from legally possessing firearms due to felony convictions out of Maryland for assault and burglary.

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Ochlech was prosecuted in Yellowstone County, Montana, for theft of the pickup and the tools, and on August 5, 2008, was sentenced to serve five years in Montana state prison. The federal sentence was ordered to be served concurrently with the Montana state sentence.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Dickinson Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorneys Scott Schneider and David Hagler prosecuted the case.

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